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BOOK NOTICE

DE WAAL, LOUISE C., LOIS E. CHILD, P. MAX WADE, and JOHN H. BROCK (Eds.). 1994. **Ecology and Management of Invasive Riverside Plants.** (ISBN 0-471-94257-X, hbk.) John Wiley and Sons Ltd., Chichester, West Sussex, P019 1UD, England. \$95.00. 217 pp.

This book, one in the "Landscape Ecology" series, seeks to bring together researchers and practitioners to solve plant invasion problems. Considering the fact that many different habitats are invaded by non-indigenous plants, I was somewhat intrigued why the riverside habitat was chosen. The preface provides scant information on this problem; the only clue offered is that the river environment is "especially prone to invasion." Among the 20 chapters, all concerned with plants that grow in or near rivers, 11 deal with control methods; 6, with basic biology of weeds; and 3, with rates of spread. Data from the Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, western United States, and Wales are presented. The book provides much information for the practitioner wanting to eliminate weeds. However, it not much use for those wanting to understand how and why riparian environments are invaded. Furthermore, there is scant information about the potential ecological functions of non-indigenous plants in riverside habitats.—*James O. Luken.*